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Hon. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423

> Re: Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases, STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No.1); Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please be advised that Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation ("AECC") intends to participate in the Board's Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases rulemaking proceeding.

Sincerely.

Please place the undersigned on the service list.

Your attention to the foregoing is appreciated.

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